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Bill W.



Dr. Bob

Notice to subscribers: In April 2011, the mailing list for the Bracer had not been updated in some time. Therefore, we decided to "grandfather" in those people who were on the list at that time. We just did not know who was current on their subscriptions. Here we are now a year later and it is time to renew those subscriptions. If you have been receiving the Bracer and have not renewed in the last year we ask that you renew now to continue your subscription without interruption. All subscriptions that came in after April of 2011 have been added and updated on the mailing list. Thank you for your continued support of the Bracer and your Northern Nevada Intergroup. Please contact Central Office to renew now.

## 5th Step Promises

Once we have taken this step, withholding nothing:

- we are delighted.
- We can look the world in the eye.
- We can be alone at perfect peace and ease.
- Our fears fall from us.
- We begin to feel the nearness of our Creator.
- We may have had certain spiritual beliefs, but now we begin to have a spiritual experience.
- The feeling that the drink problem has disappeared will often come strongly.
- We feel we are on the Broad Highway, walking hand in hand with the Spirit of the Universe.

When we reached A.A., and for the first time in our lives stood among people who seemed to understand, the sense of belonging was tremendously exciting. We thought the isolation problem had been solved. But we soon discovered that while we weren't alone any more in a social sense, we still suffered many of the old pangs of anxious apartness. Until we had talked with complete candor of our conflicts, and had listened to someone else do the same thing, we still didn't belong. Step Five was the answer. It was the beginning of true kinship with man and God.

A.A. Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions pg. 57

# WE ARE NOT A GLUM LOT

a i s i a p e s f a i t h e c  
 p m s p a c t o i l a o o y s  
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acceptance  
 hope  
 oldtimer  
 prayer  
 service  
 sponsorship

amends  
 integrity  
 openminded  
 promises  
 sobriety  
 steps

faith  
 meetings  
 positive  
 recovery  
 speaker  
 traditions

honesty  
 newcomer  
 power  
 serenity  
 spirituality  
 willingness

A guy came home three sheets to the wind and all three sheets ripping bad. Budweiser sloshing around in his belly like a keg adrift in a roiling sea. He sloshes through the door and is met by his wife, who is scowling, figuring he's been out jumping new bones.

"Where the hell you been all night?" she demands.

"At this fantastic new saloon," he says. "The Golden Saloon. Everything there is golden."

"Bullshit! There's no such place!"

Guy says, "Sure there is! Joint's got huge golden doors, a golden floor. Hell, even the urinal's gold!"

The wife still doesn't believe his story, and the next day checks the phone book, finding a place across town called the Golden Saloon. She calls up the place to check her husband's story. "Is this the Golden Saloon?" she asks when the bartender answers the phone.

"Yes, it is," bartender answers.

"Do you have huge golden doors?"  
 "Sure do."

"Do you have golden floors?"

"Most certainly do."

"What about golden urinals?"

There's a long pause, then the woman hears the bartender yelling, "Hey, Duke, I think I got a lead on the guy who pissed in your saxophone!"

Rule #62: Don't take yourself too damn seriously!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

 **NNIG Annual Founders Day Picnic**

**Where:** Church Park: 98 Richards Way 

**When:** June 9, 2012 

**Time:** Gates Open - 10:00 - BBQ Hamburgers & Hot Dogs 

**Pot Luck:** Side dishes, Salads, Beans, Fruit, Desserts, soda.  

**Games:** Volleyball, Basketball, Kids Outdoor Games, Ring Toss, Nurf Baseball...

**No pets allowed in park.**

**Free Admission, Donation of \$5.00 is greatly appreciated.**

**Raffle Prizes needed. Please deliver to Central Office.**

**Volunteers Needed: Call Central Office 355-1151**



**HAPPY \*\* JOYOUS \*\* FREE**

**JULY 12-15, 2012**

**CAMP RICHARDSON  
SOUTH LAKE TAHOE**

**QUESTIONS: CALL CENTRAL OFFICE  
775-355-1151**

**Email: michael.carrasco72@yahoo.com**

## Sought thru Prayer and Meditation...

11th Step Retreat  
Friday-Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>  
Open to all in recovery regardless of where you are in your step work  
Zephyr Point Conference Center on Lake Tahoe



Retreat includes...

Meetings, workshops, guided meditation, spiritual nourishment, fellowship, & fun  
\$100 registration fee includes 5 delicious meals, plentiful snacks & beverages

Friday & Saturday night lodging, choice of 2, 3, or 4 person rooms

Roommate requests will be honored on first come first serve basis

Registration closes on Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, limited to 40 serenity seekers

There will be no refunds, you may find a substitute if needed

All additional information to be included in registration packet

Chair Rich J. 741-7165  
Registration Chair Sharon G. 331-6774 or 453-3403

## MORE EVENTS

- May 17-20: 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Tri-State Roundup. Laughlin, NV
- June 1-7: Friends of Bill W. Heritage Tour
- June 22-24: June Lake Kampvention. June Lake, CA
- July 27-29: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual All-Europe Young People in AA Convention. Copenhagen
- Sept. 28-30: Hawaiian Islands Conference of Young People in AA. Kauai, HI
- Oct. 28-Nov. 4: 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Gratitude Cruise

**More information on all events available at Central Office**

**7TH ANNUAL YOUNG PEOPLES CAMPOUT**  
hosted by Young at Heart

**AUGUST 3-5, 2012**

**SWIMMING**  
**HIKING** **SPEAKER MEETINGS**  
**FISHING**  
**RESENTMENT BONFIRE** **BIKING**  
**SATURDAY NIGHT POTLUCK**  
**SUNDAY BREAKFAST**  
**AND SO MUCH MORE!!!**

Location:  
Taylorsville  
Community Park  
& Campground  
Taylorsville, CA

**ANNYPAA**  
www.annypaa.org

**NNIG MONTHLY SPEAKER MEETING**

Grand Sierra Resort 2500 East 2nd St.  
Lower Level, Nevada Foyer  
Second Saturday of every month at 7:00 P.M.

When	Speaker	Hosted By
May 12, 2012	Jim T., Reno	Knuckleheads
June 9, 2012	Long Timers	ANNYPAA
July 21, 2012	Maggie A., Sacramento	TBA

# MEETINGS AND MORE

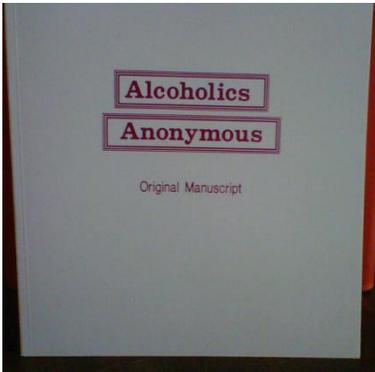
**New Meeting!**  
"A New Way Home"  
Tuesday and Friday @ 5:30 PM  
501 California Ave. Reno, NV

**New Meeting!**  
"24 Hours a Day"  
Wednesday @ 7:00 PM  
200 DeSpain Ave. Reno, NV  
Women's Meeting

**Happy Hour Has Moved!**  
Tuesday and Friday @ 5:30 PM  
1330 Foster Dr. Reno, NV  
"The Bridge" Church

**Vigorous Action Group**  
Fridays @ 7:30 PM  
4895 S. McCarran Blvd. Reno, NV  
Speaker/Discussion Meeting  
Coffee and Treats Provided!

**I need a meeting!**



**May Book of the Month**  
**Alcoholics Anonymous Original Manuscript**  
On sale now at Central Office  
Only \$2.00

**For the M & M Meeting on June 30<sup>th</sup> the feature film will be: My Name is Bill W.**

Just in time for Founder's Day, 2012, it is time for our annual viewing of a film that features the story of Alcoholics Anonymous and its founders. Although Hollywood has taken liberties with some details of our history, the essential message of Bill's struggle to find sobriety remains intact. James Woods took home the Emmy in 1989 for his incredible portrayal of Bill. Following the film we will have a discussion concerning the film. (This is proving to be the best part of the evening!) Please join us on Saturday, June 30, 2012

6:30 pm here at the Reno Triangle Club

For a Movie and a Meeting!



**More information and meeting schedules are available at Central Office**

# MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

The following are stories submitted by our members

## I Get Drunk, We Stay Sober

At meetings you will sometimes hear the AA cliché "Keep coming back" followed by "If you don't like what you hear in this meeting, try another." Like Bob Ho. told me. "It's funny the things you remember from meetings." Bob heard what Maggie said and it convinced him to give AA a try. Part of the recovery process in AA must have something to do with the diversity of information available at meetings and club houses. Information on how to stay sober and live "one day at a time" (another AA cliché), plus a variety of other life problems. Members share their experience so that others might learn and benefit from it. But newcomers are free to accept or reject what they hear in meetings. Attraction, not promotion, is another important AA ground rule: "Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion..." (A.A. p. 564). At times, AA has been accused of being everything from overly religious to a cult. The truth is Alcoholics Anonymous has never actively pursued members. People usually come to AA out of desperation, and they stay or don't stay only if they like what they see and hear.

Newsletters, and magazines like the AA Grapevine (put out by A.A. World Services in New York), are used to disseminate useful information and advice to members. At about the same time the Driars Club was getting started, Irene O. turned out a little newsletter called The Intergroup Crier in her basement. "I started The Intergroup Crier in the early sixties with Marge C., a girl who came into the fellowship at 19. We used an old mimeograph machine. My therapy for drunks was to get them over there and have them make a run at that damn duplicating machine." The headline in the July 1964 newsletter reads, "Sagebrush

Hens Have Anniversary Meeting," and goes on to tell about women doing Hospital and Institution work in the Nevada State Prison: "I was very active in the women's prison in Carson. I went almost every week and was chairman of the H & I committee." Along with her H & I work, Irene did a lot for the early A.A. Telephone Answering Service. Prior to 1974 before the first Central Office opened in Reno, the only way for a still practicing alcoholic to get in touch with AA was by telephone. "One of the things that got me to AA was the ads they put in the paper. No big blurb, just 'Alcoholics Anonymous' and a phone number. I looked at it for several months because I knew there was something wrong with my drinking" (Jim D.). Irene used her mimeograph machine to put out a little pamphlet about how the Telephone Service worked. She also put out a meeting schedule.

The typical meeting list for Reno in the late sixties had about fourteen meetings, and there wasn't much variety. "Back then there was one meeting a day and if you didn't go to that then you didn't go to AA that day or night" (Bob Ho.). Most of the meetings, except for two or three took place at night. The Driars Club was listed in Irene's schedule and read, "ARMS LENGTH A.A. Drop in at the Driars Club for coffee and Fellowship. The Club is open from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M." It was followed by the club address and telephone number. If you missed a meeting, you could always head to the Driars for a cup of coffee and a chat with another drunk. Below the announcement for the club, Irene put the A.A. Answering Service Number. Mary D., the woman Irene sponsored, worked in the Answering Service back then, and still does today: "I wasn't interested in other kinds of service. When I came in there was no Central Office. It's the best thing there is

for anybody who's in Alcoholics Anonymous. Some people are geared for G.S.R.4 and that kind of stuff. But it's not for me because I know myself. My thing is meetings, talking to people on the phone, and that's it."

Mary's also listed in the meeting schedule as Co Chairman State Hospital. Mary spent a lot of time in the state hospital because of her own drinking, but she was "never going to go to AA. To hell with those people," she used to say. Ten sober years later she was back at the hospital. But this time she was helping others to help themselves.

Under the Answering Service Irene listed the three "Rehabilitation Organizations" (halfway houses) operating at that time in the Reno Sparks area two for men: Washoe State Rehabilitation Association and Alcoholic Rehabilitation Association (A.R.A.), one for women: Beacon House. Harry W., who was active in Reno AA even before he took his last drink on

Aug. 7, 1968, remembers lending money and support to these institutions, especially Beacon House, the first house for women alcoholics in Reno, and A.R.A.: "Verna and Jerry M. had a halfway house on St. Lawrence Street. No help from the state or nothing. They financed it out of their own pocket, and I used to help them out with money. I served six years on the board of A.R.A. The Washoe County Rehabilitation Association on South Virginia charged a dollar a day if you could afford it. If you couldn't afford it, they took you anyway." Bob Ho. remembers that halfway houses for men were often funded by hiring out alcoholics for day labor.

The above story was written in 1991 by Skip M. and submitted by Mike C. It is the 7th in a 10 part series that will continue in the coming issues of the Bracer. Stay tuned for more.

### **Our Reno Sunshine Committee Goes International**

Since Ed deP.'s article about his experience with the Sunshine Committee appeared in the April 2012 issue of the *Grapevine*, inquiries about starting Sunshine Committees in various locations have been coming into the Central Office.

The article has widened knowledge of the services of the Sunshine Committee. Here in Reno, volunteer members of the committee take AA meetings to recovering alcoholics who can't get to regularly scheduled meetings. Over the past few years, this has proven to be a vital outreach, and SC volunteers have visited with alcoholics in local hospitals, rehab centers, skilled nursing facilities, retirement homes, and in private homes and apartments.

Over the past year, the SC chairman has provided information and copies of the SC members' handbook to fledgling Sunshine Committees in California, Delaware, Long Island New York, Florida, Quebec Canada, and Scotland.

Most recently, a member of an AA group in Pattaya, Thailand, read of the SC's service in the *Grapevine* article, and e-mailed the Central Office requesting startup information. The information was provided to the man, and a Sunshine Committee startup kit on CD was sent to the Thailand group.

In late April, our local SC chairman sent an e-mail to the *Grapevine* editor, offering the SC startup kit on CD or via e-mail to anyone seeking to start Sunshine Committee service in any locality. We'll see what further interest develops in using what we've developed here in Reno for service to alcoholics world-wide. - A J

### **The Man on the Bed - AA History**

The painting was done by a volunteer known simply as "Robert M."

As you probably know, within the Alcoholics Anonymous organization,  
Last names are traditionally not used.

"The oil painting, the Man on the Bed, was originally called Came to Believe. When the book *Came to Believe* was published in 1973, the *Grapevine* editors changed the name of the reproduction to avoid Confusion. It was painted by Robert M. a volunteer illustrator for the *Grapevine*, and was first reproduced in the *Grapevine* as a center spread in the December 1955 issue. In the same issue was Bill Wilson's Christmas message of gratitude for the gift of sobriety. The painting proved so popular that reproductions were made available.

Robert M. presented the painting to Bill in May 1956. Bill wrote him: "Dear Robert: Beautifully framed, your representation of the Man on the Bed hangs in my studio at Bedford Hills. It is a wonderful thing to have; I don't see how it could have been better done. The whole heart and essence of AA can be seen just by looking at it. ... Please know that to my great thanks, Lois adds hers. Ever yours, Bill W."

source: AA 2001 General Service Conference Advisory Actions.

# SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

## Now! New Phone Support!

The Sunshine Committee now offers phone support. We visit sober alcoholics in hospitals, rehab, and homes. We will now set up a regular call schedule for those unable to attend meetings. Call Central Office for more information.

### Help Wanted

Step - Up  
to Service:  
Do Treatment  
With Us



Meeting: Treatment Committee  
Where: Triangle Club - Up Stairs  
Date: December 3, 2011  
Time: 1:30  
Point of Contact:  
Bruce A. 378-7946  
Renee 1-619-721-7549



### A.A. Books Wanted

*Needed for Newcomers  
in Treatment*

Please call for pick-up:  
Bruce - 378-7946  
Renee - 1-619-721-7549  
Craig - 219-7063  
Judy - 379-7136

OR:

Drop off at NNIG Central Office  
436 S. Rock Blvd  
Sparks, NV.

## AA Answering Service Numbers

Reno, Sparks, Carson City and all of  
Northern Nevada: (775) 355-1151

Fallon: (775) 423-6009

Las Vegas and all of Southern  
Nevada: (702) 598-1888

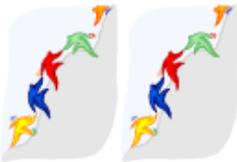
Minden/Gardnerville Group meeting  
information only: (775) 265-4460

Mammoth Lake: (760) 934-3434

North Lake Tahoe: (530) 546-1126

South Lake Tahoe: (530) 541-1243

Winnemucca: (775) 625-3771



## Can You Help?

*There are cases where sober AAs are unable to make it to meetings. They are in the hospital or physical rehabilitation hospitals or are home-bound while they recuperate.*

When you cannot attend meetings, do you get 'squirrely' or on edge? Be a part of carrying the message to those shut-ins by joining us as we trudge the road of happy destiny on the

### Sunshine Committee!!

*Sobriety requirement - 1 year  
We will work to your schedule*

Call Ed @ 787-7730 or email at [edditboi@gmail.com](mailto:edditboi@gmail.com)



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### *Northern Nevada Intergroup Committee Meeting*

1st Tuesday of each month @ 7:00pm  
Reno Triangle Club  
635 S. Wells Ave. Reno, NV 89502

### *Monthly ANNYPAA Committee Meeting*

Held the third Sunday of each month  
upstairs in the Triangle Club at 3:30 PM

### *International Women's Conference Meetings*

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD ON SUNDAY @  
North Nevada Literacy Council  
1400 Wedekind Rd Reno, NV 89512  
For more information contact:  
Elisa R [elisar2013iwc@hotmail.com](mailto:elisar2013iwc@hotmail.com)  
Trudy [49th.iwc@gmail.com](mailto:49th.iwc@gmail.com)

*For more info on our monthly committee meetings call  
Central Office at (775)355-1151*

# NNIG FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## Northern Nevada Intergroup Profit & Loss March 2012

	Mar 12	Feb 12	Jan - Mar 12
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Birthday Contributions	0.00	0.00	33.00
Bracer Subscriptions	17.00	10.00	39.00
Event Revenues			
New Year's Eve Gala			
Revenue	0.00	-100.00	-70.00
Expenses	0.00	0.00	-128.54
Total New Year's Eve Gala	0.00	-100.00	-198.54
Gratitude Dinner			
Expenses	-1,661.50	0.00	-1,661.50
Total Gratitude Dinner	-1,661.50	0.00	-1,661.50
Speaker Meeting			
Speaker Meeting Revenue	1,018.23	588.16	2,243.41
Speaker Meeting Expenses	-85.00	-161.00	-326.00
Total Speaker Meeting	933.23	427.16	1,917.41
Corned Beef & Cribbage			
Expenses	-2,629.27	0.00	-3,654.27
Corned Beef & Cribbage - Other	3,069.00	990.00	4,059.00
Total Corned Beef & Cribbage	439.73	990.00	404.73
Total Event Revenues	-268.54	1,317.16	462.10
Faithful Fivers	95.00	15.00	135.00
Group Contributions	1,720.25	3,285.74	9,029.59
Individual Contributions	114.00	508.00	660.20
Interest Income	0.32	0.34	2.50
Merchandise Sales	4,907.34	3,283.80	13,025.04
Other Uncategorized Income	82.50	11.00	96.65
Total Income	6,667.67	8,430.84	23,483.08
Cost of Goods Sold			
Cost of Goods Sold			
Physical inventory adjustment	0.00	-41.10	-41.10
Cost of Goods Sold - Other	-2,054.55	1,854.06	2,874.33
Total Cost of Goods Sold	-2,054.55	1,812.96	2,833.23
Total COGS	-2,054.55	1,812.96	2,833.23
Gross Profit	8,722.42	6,617.88	20,649.85
Expense			
Payroll Processing Fee	66.30	66.30	173.15
Bank Fees and charges	3.65	0.00	6.65
Cash Over/Short	0.00	-4.10	-4.10
CC Service Fees	27.62	59.08	154.15
Uncategorized Expenses	0.00	0.00	300.00
Storage Unit	23.00	53.00	76.00
Shipping Charges	13.80	8.04	28.79
Alarm System	0.00	110.16	110.16
Compensation & Benefits			
Insurance Compensation	300.00	1,500.00	1,800.00
Compensation & Benefits - Other	2,346.12	2,346.12	7,198.36
Total Compensation & Benefits	2,646.12	3,846.12	8,998.36
Total Expense	4,785.90	6,207.37	15,572.87
Net Ordinary Income	3,936.52	410.51	5,076.98
Net Income	3,936.52	410.51	5,076.98

## Group Contributions

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Paid Amount	Balance
<b>Group Contributions</b>					
Sales Receipt	3/1/2012	District 22	Group Contributions	40.00	40.00
Sales Receipt	3/2/2012	Step 1	Group Contributions	10.00	50.00
Sales Receipt	3/2/2012	South Shore Group	Group Contributions	20.00	70.00
Sales Receipt	3/2/2012	Sunnyside Big Book Study	Group Contributions	125.00	195.00
Sales Receipt	3/5/2012	Mt Rose Recovery Room Group	Group Contributions	131.51	326.51
Sales Receipt	3/7/2012	Spring Creek Squad #1	Group Contributions	150.00	476.51
Sales Receipt	3/8/2012	NNIG Business Meeting	7th Tradition	23.00	499.51
Sales Receipt	3/12/2012	New Awakening Group	Group Contributions	45.00	544.51
Sales Receipt	3/13/2012	Jay-Walkers Men's Stag	Group Contributions	50.00	594.51
Sales Receipt	3/13/2012	Women on Wednesday	Group Contributions	47.63	642.14
Sales Receipt	3/14/2012	Choices	Group Contributions	25.00	667.14
Sales Receipt	3/16/2012	Caring & Sharing in Stead	Group Contributions	32.42	699.56
Sales Receipt	3/16/2012	UpperRoom Grp	Group Contributions	25.00	724.56
Sales Receipt	3/19/2012	Roadside Group	Group Contributions	55.62	780.18
Sales Receipt	3/20/2012	Saturday Night Fever	Group Contributions	10.00	790.18
Sales Receipt	3/22/2012	Southside Group	Group Contributions	100.00	890.18
Sales Receipt	3/22/2012	Southside Group	Group Contributions	199.81	1,089.99
Sales Receipt	3/22/2012	The Real Lunch Bunch	Group Contributions	30.00	1,119.99
Sales Receipt	3/23/2012	Cash Sale	Mary D-Group Contri...	200.00	1,319.99
Sales Receipt	3/27/2012	Monthly Desert Potluck Speaker...	Group Contributions	202.00	1,521.99
Sales Receipt	3/29/2012	Eye Opener	Group Contributions	55.76	1,577.75
Sales Receipt	3/30/2012	Blairsdon Graeagle Group	Group Contributions	20.00	1,597.75
Sales Receipt	3/31/2012	Serenity on Sunday	Group Contributions	122.50	1,720.25
Total Group Contributions				<u>1,720.25</u>	<u>1,720.25</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>				<u><b>1,720.25</b></u>	<u><b>1,720.25</b></u>

## Faithful Fiver

We are members of Alcoholics Anonymous who support our local Central Office with separate contributions. These contributions help to serve the Northern Nevada Alcoholics Anonymous community with Central Office services and intergroup activities.

It's easy to join!

We ask for a \$5.00 monthly or \$60.00 yearly contribution, but no amount is too small. Donate whatever you can afford. Many members use their sobriety date as a reminder to send in their contributions. Please send your check today to:

Northern Nevada Intergroup  
Attn Faithful Fiver  
436 Rock Blvd South  
Sparks, NV 89431

# NNIG BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Meeting minutes 5/1/12

Meeting commenced at 7:02 pm with introductions and reading of the NNIG Preamble.

Motion to approve minutes made by Tina and seconded by A.J. and unanimously passed.

**NNIG Chair - Van D.**

Absent

**Paul E. - NNIG Vice Chair (Acting Chair)**

Bruce A. was appointed as chair for the central office relocation committee last steering committee meeting. This is an Ad-Hoc committee to investigate possibility of relocating central office. The new space would ideally accommodate Central office services, retail sales, AA archives, and meeting rooms, be near a bus stop, and generally serve the needs of Central Office and the body better than the current location. Due to the economy, this is an opportune time to investigate this possibility.

Tina voiced concern with regard to having a "club". This is not, nor will it be a "club" this is a new office location to better serve the needs of the NNIG body.

We will have an AA Archives at Central Office for AA members to view materials at Central Office.

Steering committee and committee chair elections are next month. All positions are available. The elections will be done in the 3<sup>rd</sup> legacy format. You may review the service manual at [www.AA.org](http://www.AA.org) and review the positions at [www.NNIG.org](http://www.NNIG.org).

**Treasurer - Dod P.** The \$1,661 expenditure on the balance sheet is a bill that was paid inadvertently to Circus Circus. The payment has been refunded and will be reflected in the next report. We are doing well with regard to the prudent reserve. From last year to this there is a noticeable improvement. We depend on group contributions and merchandise sales. Please keep the contributions coming. The figures are correct for the month of March.

Leslie - Opened a 2<sup>nd</sup> CD for the prudent reserve in March. We have 2 \$5000.00 CDs.

**Intergroup Representative - Sean N.** This position will be available. Thanks to Leslie for the great job done by her and her staff at the Spring Festival. The sales at the Central Office table were very good. Pyramid Lake Campout was discussed at the steering committee. We are looking at possibly adding it to the list of NNIG events although several issues must be clarified before it is brought to the body.

**Central Office Manager - Leslie**

316 phone calls

167 Volunteer hours at Central Office

90 volunteer hours at spring festival

May book of the month is The Original Manuscript \$2.00

12 Step Call list really needs help - this involves a call back or an actual visit you must be through the steps, have a partner that you can take with you, and be willing to do what is needed after you have assessed the call. The lists are done by area. Ideally you would have a year of sobriety but check with your sponsor.

Central Office needs a list of speakers who are willing to travel to different locations to speak.

**Area 42 Liaison - Roger H.** No report. June 10<sup>th</sup> founders day in Genoa. Bring lawn chairs and no cooking in the park.

**Answering Service - Steve M.** The answering service needs volunteers. We need answering service volunteers AND 12 step call volunteers. At our committee meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 7 people showed for the committee meeting. 6 of the attendees were already on the committee. The first Tuesday of the month group has backed out of their commitment and we are looking for a new Tuesday group sponsor.

The answering service commitment involves varying time frames and you can do this at home the calls are forwarded to you.

**CPC -Joel B.** Met with medical students on April 12<sup>th</sup> and we will be meeting again on May 3rd. We did not make it to Child Abuse Awareness event in Markleeville due to weather conditions. We have arranged for a speaker to speak on physiological and psychological effects of alcohol at St.Vincents residence on Friday May 18<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM.

**Corrections Treatment**

**Bridging the Gap - No Report**

**Sunshine Committee - AJ C.** There were 16 Sunshine Committee visits in April. All were on - site visits. An AA member in Quebec, Canada requested startup information so that he could start a Sunshine committee there. A "start up kit" is available via e-mail and on CD. The materials were offered to AAs through the Grapevine during late April.

We will report back on the response. During April we purged our membership roster of inactive people and currently have 55 members active in service. Volunteers are always welcome. Announcements are made at most meetings and flyers are posted at meeting sites in Reno, Carson City, and Gardnerville.

**Bracer - Ted** The Bracer will be published by the end of the week. I will be going to central office to help stamp and mail. There may be a co-chair position available.

**Speaker Meeting - Pete L.**

There were 200-250 people in attendance at the April speaker meeting.

Donnie B. from Tahoe did a great job

The Young at Heart Group did a fantastic job hosting.

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition \$207.00

Raffle \$338.00

Total Income \$545

There were no speaker expenses thanks to Mark for his generosity.

The Speaker Meeting cleared \$454.00 for the April meeting.

Jim T. from Reno is the speaker for the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting

The location for the meeting @ GSR rooms NI, 2, 3 downstairs on lower level.

The June Long Timers Meeting will be hosted by ANNYPAA. Joan and Dave will chair the long-timers meeting. You must have 20+ years to share at the long-timers meeting

November 2012 - the GSR does not have space available for the Speaker Meeting. We will need a different venue.

**Activities Chair - Dan M.** Corned beef and Cribbage went well. Founders Day Picnic meeting will be at Central Office Monday, May 7 at 5pm.

**Web master - Ollie K.** We have added several events to the website [www.NNIG.org](http://www.NNIG.org) please send your flyers to the webmaster at [NNIGwebmaster@gmail.com](mailto:NNIGwebmaster@gmail.com). Sean will continue assist with the website.

**ANNYPAA - Jordan F. Amber W.** Sat May 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM White Trash Olympics and Barbeque at Barbara Bennett park. The price is \$7 or \$5 with camp out pre-registration \$20.

The 7<sup>th</sup> annual ANNYPAA Campout will be August 3-5 in Taylorsville, California. The price is \$20 to pre-register.

ANNYPAA needs volunteers!

**Old Business****New Business**

National Central Office Seminar - Motion to approve sending Central Office Manager to National Seminar made by Pat seconded by Mike. This had been previously approved and we have not sent anyone for at least the last 2 years.

Question asked by about if this issue should be taken back to their group. The "right of decision" was reviewed. Motion voted on and passed unanimously.

**Meeting closed at 8:18 with the Lords prayer**

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